How do Earthquakes happen?

Earthquakes happen when plates slide apart, together or across each other.

First the crust around the Earth’s surface forms into the seafloor and the land, after that the crust would move around, these causes an earthquake.

The crust underneath the sea and land is called plates or tectonic plates. Tectonic plates shift around a lot, so they can cause earthquakes.

A result of when an earthquake stops and it brings aftershocks. Aftershocks are when the Earth’s plates/tectonic plates settle down in their new position. Buildings can collapse during aftershocks because they got weakened by the main earthquake.

To avoid getting hurt by earthquakes you must go: Under tables, archways and don’t go near chimneys, window and building (especially big waves that could destroy homes and lives.

500,000 estimated earthquakes happen each year. Now you know how earthquakes happen and how to stay safe. 